made to Congress for relief.

The committee, having examined into the affairs of the society, state that they are satisfied, whatever impression may exist to the confrary, that the agents were found to be worthy of the confidence reposed in them; that there have been but two of them who failed to account; and in one of these cases the money was recovered on the bonds. The committee unanimously approve the plan of the monument and of the work that has already been done, and bear cheerful testimony to the energy, integrity, economy, and patriotic love which have animated and governed the transactions of the society; and especially do they commend the design of building this monument by the voluntary subscriptions of the people of the United States; but, at the same time, they think that a subscription, to aid the work, is due by Congress. They therefore introduced a joint resolution, appropriating two hundred thousand dollars for the puspose, as this was the sum proposed by Congress in 1799 for a monument to Washington, and voted by the House of Representatives in 1501.

In making this recommendation, they expressly disclaim suggesting any further aid by Congress to the work, on the distinct ground that while it is proper Congress should make a liberal subscription toward it, it is both the right and duty of the people of the United States to complete it. No money, they say, has been lost by the society, by investments or otherwise; the work has been faithfully done; it appears to be plain, yet beautiful, and the committee are satisfied it will be enduring.

during.

The House, stimulated by the patriotic associations of the twenty-second of February, came near passing the joint resolution appropriating the two hundred thousand dollars recommended by the

hundred thousand dollars recommended by the committee.

It was not known when the report was made, that the election, held but a short time previous, had resulted in the selection of an entire new board of managers of the Washington Monument Society. The Know-nothings having made their secret arrangements for that purpose, proceeded to the office to vote the old management out. But that part of the City Hall being too small to contain those members, they adjourned to the chamber of the Board of Common Council, and there cast seven hundred and fifty-five ballots for the following ticket, with a printed one of which every following ticket, with a printed one of which every Know-nothing had been provided before he came

Vespasian Ellis, First Vice President. George H. Plant, Third Vice President. C. C. Tucker, Secretary. John M. McCalla, Treasurer.

Managers—S. S. Briggs, F. S. Evans, Henry Addison, of Georgetown, Charles R. Belt, J. H. Bradley, J. N. Craig, T. D. Sandy, S. C. Busey, J. A. Gordon, R. T. Knight, Samuel E. Douglas, J. Libbey, Sr., and Thomas A. Brooke.

As was to have been expected, the extraordinary gathering created much surprise; but it was not long before the result of the election spread

The President of the United States is, ex officto, president of the board, according to the constitution of the society, but has never presided, nor is to be presumed that he will now do so over the deliberations of the new Know-nothing board. The members of that party promise great things; among others, that a million of dollars will be forthwith raised to finish the monument. Nous

It may be stated, in this connexion, that the It may be stated, in this connexion, that the joint resolution reported by the select committee proposes that the \$200,000 shall be paid to the Board of Managers of the Washington Mouument Society; but, after the result of the election, it cannot be expected that this branch of the subject will be insisted upon by the members of Congress opposed to the Know-nothing organization, who were, previously, disposed to make the board the channel of the disbursement of this large amount of money.

Private Claims.-In accordance with public the General Government was held at Carusi's Saloon, on Thursday evening. It was organized by the selection of John M. McCalla as chairman, and Robert H. Gray, secretary.
Richard S. Coxe, esq., made a few remarks ex-

planatory of the objects of the meeting. He al- laid on the table, but the question was decided in luded to the fact that there are private claims against the Government to the amount of at least fifteen millions of dollars, but which have, to the injustice of the persons interested, been to a very great extent disregarded by Congress. He said that, from time immemorial, every subject of the British Crown has been allowed to sue his monarch by an ordinary judicial proceeding. It is believed that in this country, which alone professes to have for the foundation of its government a sacred regard for private rights and the principles of equal justice, can be found the solitary example, among civilized nations, in which there exists in a says 47. no regular systematic mode of administering justice between the individual citizen and the public. Rather, he said, have the mode pursued in Russin, Prussin, or France, than the continuance of the present state of things regarding the settlement of private claims in this country.

With a view of having a larger attendance of persons interested in the subject, an adjourned meeting until Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock,

A Meeting of Merchants, and other persons transacting business in this city, was held on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of organizing a Merchants' Exchange, for the protection of their mutual interests. The following named officers were elected: President, Samuel Bacon; vice president, James B. Dodson; treasurer, Wm. Wall; secretary, John F. Ellis; directors, Messrs. John Clagett, Walter Harper, William M. Shuster, George Burns, B. F. Morsell, S. P. Franklin. C. W. Havener, F. A. Tucker, Hudson Taylor, C. W. Boteler, Edward Hall, and James C. McGuire.

Captain Dunnington has requested us to state that the slarm of fire at the Capitol, on Wedneedey, was caused by the burning of some loose hoards laid on the walls to protect them from the frost. The mechanics at work on the building (the north wing) immediately removed the flaming timber, having no occasion for the tendered assistance from the Capitol police.

The Rev. Wm. H. Milburn, chaplain to the House of Representatives, will deliver a lecture ut Carusi's Saloon, this evening, at eight o'clock. The subject is-"The Rifle, Axe, and Saddle Bags, symbols of early western life and character. Tickets twenty-five cents each.

We have no doubt the esteemed and eloquent gentleman will furnish a fine intellectual enter

Fletcher Chapel, recently erected on the corner of New York avenue and Four-and-n-half street, is to be dedicated to morrow. It is an offspring of Methodist missionary enterprise. The Rev. R. L. Dashiel will preach in the morning, at eleven o'clock; the Rev. Mr. Brooke at three in the afternoon, and the Rev. Fielder Israel at

the ignition of etherial oil, which the mother was foolishly pouring into a burning lamp.

Congressional.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Senate-Thursday, February 22, 1855. After the presentation of a large number of petitions and memorials, and the adoption of resolutions calling on the Departments for informa-

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to provide for the final settlement of the claims of the officers of the Revolutionary army. After debate, the bill was passed—yeas 26, nays

The invalid Pension bill was considered upon an amendment of the House striking out the provision inserted by the Senate to carry the pensions of certain widows of Revolutionary officers and soldiers to 1848, in order to put them on a footing with those previously pensioned. The amendment of the House prevailed by a vote of 20 to 19. So the inequality remains. The widow married on the last day of December, 1799, gets five years, more pension than the one who was mar-

ried on the last day of December, 1799, gets five years' more pension than the one who was married the day after.

The bill to allow a credit of three years to railroad companies (without interest) for the payment of duties on iron was discussed at great length, and then passed by a vote of 25 to 18.

A bill was also passed for the building or purchase of four additional revenue cutters.

And the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, from the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill for the relief of settlers on swamps or overflowed lands, made a report thereon, which was adopted.

Mr. MIDDLESWARTH made an ineffectual motion to have considered the bill granting bounty land to soldiers of the war of 1812 and other wars, and gave notice that he should again move its consideration on Tuesday next.

Mr. DAVIS, of Indiana, reported a bill to organize the institution for the insane of the Army, the Navy, and the District of Columbia, in said

District, and it was passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the in alternate sections to aid in the construction of the bill granting to the State of Alabama public lands in alternate sections to aid in the construction of various railroads therein mentioned, yesterday reported by Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands.

ic Lands.

Mr. ETHERIDGE moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was decided in the affirmative—yeas 97, nays 78.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, (Mr. Hibbard, of New Hampshire, in the chair,) and resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th June, 1856, and for other purposes.

ther purposes.

Various amendments were acted on and adopt-And the House adjourned.

Senate-Friday, February 23, 1855. After some discussion, the Senate adopted Mr. Brown's resolution to fix twelve o'clock on the night of Saturday, the 3d of March, for the adjournment of Congress sine die, to prevent an invasion of the Sabbath.

Mr. JONES, of Tennessee, announced to the

Senate that Mr. Cass, the venerable Senator from Michigan, and Mr. Bell, his respected colleague from Tennessee, would, on Monday, at twelve o'clock, ask permission to present to the Senate the sword which was worn by General Jackson in his Southern Campaigns, in the war of 1812. The late General Armstrong became the pos-sessor of the sword, and his heirs are anxions to preserve and perpetuate so appropriate a me mento of the distinguished service of that illustri

The Senate considered the bill to protect officers and other persons acting under the authority of the United States; and the debate was continued

House of Representatives.

A large number of reports were made from the everal standing committees.

Mr. PERKINS, of Louisiana, from the Commit-

Mr. PERKINS, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Foreign Aifairs, to which the following resolution, heretofore submitted by Mr. Sollers, was referred, reported back the same for the action of the House:

Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House, if not incompatible with the public interest, what was the object or objects of the meeting or conference of the American ministers at Ostend, and whether the said meeting or conference was in obedience to instructions of the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of the said meeting or conference.

mr. CHAMBERLAIN moved that it be laid on

Mr. STANTON, of Kentucky, from the Com mittee on Printing, reported a resolution authoriz-ing the printing of one hundred thousand extra copies of the report of the select committee on the subject of the Washington National Monu-ment Society.

Mr. WARREN moved that the resolution be

The resolution was adopted

Mr. LETCHER, from the select committee at

nsys 47.

The House, under a suspension of the rules, at the instance of Mr. Housron, took up the bill to carry into effect the convention, on the subject of claims, between the United States and her Britan-

claims, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, concluded on the eighth of February,
1853. It was passed,

The House resolved itself into the committee of
the Who le on the state of the Union, (Mr. HinBARD in the chair,) and resumed the consideration
of the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill.

Mr. EDGERTON offered an amendment to re-

Mr. EDGERTON offered an amendment to refund the duties paid on railroad iron actually and permanently laid down between the 30th June, 1353, and 1st July, 1856, and to admit, duty free, all dyes, dye-woods, and dye-stuffs, and also unmanufactured wool costing more than fifly and less than eighteen cents a pound at the place whence imported.

The CHAIRMAN decided the amendment to be out of order; but his decided the amendment to be out of order; but his decided the amendment to be

The CHAIRMAN decided the amendment to be out of order; but his decisian was overruled by the committee—ayes \$1, noes \$7.

Debate ensued, in the course of which Mr. Letcher offered, as a substitute for Mr. Edgeron's amendment, the bill heretofore reported by Mr. Houston to reduce the duties on imports, with some modifications.

This was agreed to—ayes 99, noes \$6.

The amendment, as thus amended, was adopted—ayes one hundred and twenty-two, noes not counted.

counted.

The committee then rose; and the bill, together with the amendments, was reported to the House.

The main question was ordered on the amendments, nearly all of which were concurred in The more important ones were reserved for separate votes.

The House adjourned.

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Supreme Court of the United States, FRIDAY, February 23, 1855.

142. The York and Cumberland Rail Road Company, plaintiffs in error vs. John G. Myers. The motion to dismiss this cause was argued by F. O. J. Smith, esq., in support thereof, and by Hon. Nathan Clifford in opposition thereto, on consideration whereof, it was ordered by the court that said motion be continued to the next term.

No. 135. The United States plaintiffs vs. Lindsey Nickerson, jr. This cause was argued by Mr. Attorney General Cushing for the plain-tiffs, and by Mr. Lothrop for the defendant. No. 76. John Henshaw plaintiff vs. Charles E. Miller's executor. This cause was submit-

ted to the consideration of the court on the record and printed arguments by Mr. Heath for the plaintiff, and by Messrs. Lyons and Stanard for the defendant.

Adjourned till Monday, 11 o'clock.

The arrival at New York of the United States storeship Lexington, under the command of Licutenant Glasson, has already been mentioned in our paper.

tioned in our paper.

She sailed from New York on the 18th of June, 1853, with the presents for the Emperor of Japan, consisting of a locomotive, tender, car, and circular railroad, and agricultural implements: She has been absent about twenty months, and during this time has sailed at least forty-eight thousand miles. Two deaths occurred on board of the ship, one of which was an invalid from Macedonia. She brought home ifteen sick seamen from the East India squad

ron.

The following is a list of seventeen cases of plants collected in China and shipped on board the Lexington, consigned to the Government of the United States. The figure at the com mencement of each line designates the number

of plants of the description mentioned: 4 Yellow or tea roses. 4 Light red roses. 4 Cumquats, fruit. 4 Large yellow per-Pink roses. Lan fas or flower. 4 Large round rose apples.
4 Large round 4 Blue Magnolia. 4 Qui fas. 4 China grafted black persimmons.
4 Small round 4 Koco or small Magpersimmons.
4 Small myrtle. nolis flower. 4 China yellow aram.

Large rose apple. Small long rose ap Hymonnicalus. Logan. 4 Lyches, fruit 4 Guavas, truit. 4 Loquat, fruit. 4 Custard apple, fruit. 4 Sweet Whampee, Papyas, fruit. Very fine lace skir Mandarin oranges. 4 Sweet Carambola. 15 Black tea, two

or Chinagooseberry 4 Acid Carambola, or 4 Nondescript, blue China gooseberry. 4 Acid Whampee. 4 Red double-head Pumbalos, fruit. star lily.
4 China red lily, many 4 Mangres, fruit. 4 Large Mandarin heads. 4 China yellow hily orange, lace skins. 4 Small Mandarin many heads.
4 China single-head

oranges, lace skins 4 China Mandarin white lily.
4 Cymbidium. oranges, hard skins. The following plants are inclosed in boxes 12 Nondescript, white 20 Yellow day lily. 20 Benjamin flowe 3 Blue magnolia. Lemon grass. 12 Peruvian crynam. 20 Small bymonnilarge. 2 China dates. calus.

One case containing a variety of plants col-lected in Japan and in the island of the Great Loo Choo; also one large Loo Choo plant not in case, and four tubs of water lily.

Two cases, one of sugar cane from Java an

the other of exotic plants from St. Helena, col-lected by James Morrow, agriculturist to the Japan expedition. The plants were gathered under the direction of Commodore Perry. They are in pretty good condition. A few of them withered and

good condition. A few of them withered and died on the passage home.

Captain Glasson also brought home with him a real live Chinese from Hong Kong. He is a florist and gardener, and goes to Washington to attend to the plants. He is about twenty years of age, and named Oqui. He speaks English a little, which he learned on the voyage, and says he is now an American. He was

born at Canton .- New York Post.

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The grain market was dull at yesterday's rates in flour no transactions were reported.

Hotices.

Dr Rev. Henry Slicer, Chaplain to the Sen ate, will (by leave of Providence) preach in the Hall of Representatives next Sabbath at 11 o'clock.

IIT Claimants against the General Government.—A meeting of the heirs of Revolutionary officers, and other claimants against the General Government, is proposed to be held in the city of Washington, on the 22d of February next, for the purpose of taking into consideration the course of conduct which has been pursued by Congress towards the just claims of the citizens of the United States, against the General Government, and also the progress to wards the progress to the property of making the payment of and also the propriety of making the payment of just claims against the Government, a test at the polls, and to add a new plank to the political platform to that effect.

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house in the trade. He is also equally determined,
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laboring class of Journeymen Tailors; and others
who are suffering dreadful privations for want of
employment, and therefore offers, on and after
this date, until the beginning of the year 1856, the
resources of his magnificent Tailering Establishment, free of profit on the cost of all his goods,
combined with his own gratuitous services, to his
friends and the public, to be considered as a sort
of present

HOLIDAY OR NEW YEAR'S GIFT! xampleizing wealthy gentlemen, United States Departments, the Executive, Officers of the Army Departments, the Executive, Officers of the Army and Navy, Bankers, Foreigners, Citizens, the present imperative duty of solvent tradesmen and merchants to employ their fellow-men, aid and assist the inauguration of a better state of trade all over the world from the commencement of the New Year, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. I am, fellow-citizens, (representing one of the links of Commerce,) yours truly, ever grateful and obliged.

and obliged, GEORGE P. FOX. United States Leader of Fashions, Headquarters, No. 321 Broadway, GEORGE P. FOX.

ONGWORTH'S Native Wines and Brandies. -I have just received, and keep constantly on hand, Sparkling and Dry Catawba, the Sweet Isabella Wines, and Catawba Brandy. Those Wines are made from the pure juice of the grape, and pronounced to be the most wholesome beverage in use.

B. JOST, Agent.

Also, Importer and Dealer in all kinds of Wines, Liquors and Cigars, 181 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Jan. 30—2aw3m*

H. O. HOOD, Pennsylvania avenue, between 44 and 6th streets, has just returned from the north with a good assortment of the most rich and fashionable Jewelry in the market, which he purchased for cash at very low prices, and now of ters for sale the same, at wholesale or retail, much cheaper than goods of like quality have ever been sold for in this section of country. Please call at his store, sign of the large spread eagle.

N. B. Special attention paid to the repairing to ne watches by W. W. Hollingsworth. Apr 2

DINE APPLE, Brandy, and Canada Lavis Norton's brand Pine Apple Cheese, prime. Superior Brandy Cheese, I lb. jars.

Do Canada do 1 and 1 lb. jars

English Dairy, imitation Gloster and Cheshire.

Parmesan Cheese, I cake, in prime order.

Do do grated in glass jars, I lb. each.

For sale by SHEKELL BROTHERS,

Dec 13—3tif No. 40, on Centre Market.

MODERN LANGUAGES.—D. E. Groux, a native of France, tescaer of Modern Languages, especially French. Spanish, and German-Translations made with correctness and punctuality. Professor of Numesmatics, for the classification and explanation of medals and coins.

Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 6th and 7th streets, opposite Brown's Hetel.

Furnished Rooms to rent at that place.

Sep 21—dti

SHIRTS! SHIRTS!! SHIRTS!!

W. H. PAULKNER, the only practical Shirt Maker in the city, would respectfully inform his old customers, members of Congress, and strangers, that by leaving their measures at his Shirt Manufactory they can have shirts made of the best material and warranted to fit in all cases—the reputation which these shirts have acquired in this city, induces the advertiser to invite those gentlemen who have been troubled with bad fitting shirts to give him a call feeling assured that they will, on trial, admit their superiority.

Sign of the Shirt, Pennsylvanin avenue, between 3d and 4½ streets, south side.

P. S.—A good assortment of Furnishing Goods on hand, which will be sold cheap.

Nov. 30—eod1m [Union and Star.] SHIRTS! SHIRTS!! SHIRTS!!

VARIETY BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

LADIES ALPINE BOOTS.--Just received a superior lot of Ladies' Black and Brown Alpine Boots, together with a large and general assortment of Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boys, Youths, and Children's Boots and Shoes for sale by

GEO. BURNS,

340 Pennsylvania avenue,
Adjoinir g Patterson's Drug Store.

Dec 1 (News.)

WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER and Plated Ware at Reduced Prices.—In anticipation of the approaching dull season, we offer our entire stock of elegant Gold Watches, Rich Jewelry, Pure Silverware, &c., at greatly

Rich Jeweiry, Fure reduced rates.

Persons would do well to examine our assortment, which is by far the largest, most fashionable and best selected ever offered to our customers.

M. W. GALT & BRO.,

M. W. GALT & BRO. M. W. GALL & BRO., 324 Penn. avenue, between 8th and 9th streets Feb 16—3tif

THE UNDERSIGNED would respect-THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully inform his friends and citizens generally that he has resumed the Grocery business, and is now located at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street, where will be found a choice selection of Groceries, Teas, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, &c.

Special attention is invited to his assortment of Teas, Liquors, and Cigars.

The above goods are all of the best quality, and for sale very low for cash.

R. D. TWEEDY,

Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 13th street.

Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 13th street south side. Nov 3—dlw&colw TALENTINES, VALENTINES,-A large assortment just received and for sale W. C. ZANTZINGER,
Feb 6—66t Adjoining Kirkwood House.

FOR THE WEST AND SOU'TH

Baltimore and Ohio Rallroad—Imploved rangements for Travel i—Important Changes of Schedule 1 1

Tive late completion of the Central Ohio Rail-road, between Wheeling and Columbus, uniting, as it dives, by a short and direct line, the Balti-timore and Ohio Railroad with all portions of the West (and North and Southwest) gives this route greatly increased advantages to through travellers in that direction. On and after Monday, Novem-ber 27, 1854, the trains will be run as follows:

FOR THROUGH PASSENGERS.

Two fast trains daily will run in each direction Two fast trains daily will run in each direction. First—The MAIL TRAIN, leaving Camden Station sat 7 a. m., instead of at 8 o'clock as heretofore, (except on Sunday,) and arriving at Wheeling at 2 40 a. m.—Second—The EXPRESS TRAIN, leaving at 5 p. m., instead of at 7 p. m., as heretofore, and running through to Wheeling in about 17 hours, reaching there at 10 25 a. m. This train will stop at Washington Junction, Sykesville, Monocacy, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, Sir John's Run, Cumberland, Piedmont, Rowlesburg, Newburg, Fetterman, Farmington, Cameron, and Moundsville only, for wood and water and meals. Both these trains make prompt and regular connection with the cars of the Central Ohio Road for Cambridge, Zanesville, Newark, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville. Dayton, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, etc. Passengers leaving Baltimore by the Mail Train, will reach Cincinnati for dinner next day, while by the Express Train they arrive there at 12 the next night, being kept but one night on the route by either train.

either train.

Passengers for the Northwest via Cleveland and all intermediate points can make a direct connection with the trains upon the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad at all times when the Ohio is Wheeling and navigable for steamers between Wheeling and Wellsville, by leaving Baltimore in the Mail Train

by 7 a. m Returning, the Trains leave Wheeling as follows: The EXPRESS TRAIN at 4 30 p. m., reaching Baltimore at 9.50 a. m. The MAIL TRAIN at 11.45 p. m. reaching Baltimore at 7

p m.

IT Through tickets by boat from Wheeling for Cincinnati, Madison, Louisville, St. Louis, and other River Cities, will be sold at all times when the stage of water will admit.

Through tickets between Baltimore and Washington, and all the important cites and towns in the West, are sold at the Ticket Offices

towns in the West, are sold at the Ticket Offices of the Company.

FOR WAY PASSENGERS.

THE MAIL TRAIN, leaving Camden Station will take passengers for all the usual stopping places on the Road. Returning, this train leaves Wheeling at 11.45 midnight, Cumberland at 10.15 a. m., and arrives at Baltimore at 7 p. m.

THE FREDERICK ACCOMMODATION TRAIN, for Frederick and intermediate places, will start at 4 p. m., daily, (except Sunday,) arriving in Frederick at 7.40. Returning will leave Frederick at 9 a. m., arriving at Baltimore at 12 30, noon.

THE ELLICOTT'S MILLS ACCOMMODA-TION will be run daily, (except Sundays,) as fol-Leave Camden Station at 6 a. m. and 3 p m. Leave Ellicott's Mills at 7.30 a. m. and 6.36 p. n Dec 14.

WOOD GAS.—CAUTION
BE it known that I, the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1851, for an apparatus for the destructive distillation of wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of competent persons the invention of an appartus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove ere long before the United States Patent Office; and, further, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process States Patent Office; and lurther, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process which I am now claiming before the United States Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be patentable to the first inventor thereof, and which said W.D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as appears upon the public records of said office, of which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also a conv of his claims.

which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also a copy of his claims.

In the National Intelligencer of the 25th instant Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by patent the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens prosecution to all parties infringing his patent. I ask how this statement comports with the fact of my patent of December, 1851, and how far the threat can intimidate under such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a movable perforated disphragm, and was so understood by the Patent Office, as it appears from the records of the Patent Office that his claim was at first refused as interfering with a prior patent to Robert Foulis, of Canada, for an equivalent contrivance. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated disphragm is the saving clause, is what Mr. Porter calls securing the "exclusive right to making gas from wood."

The statement carries absurdity on its front, and is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office If such a claim or right had been granted, it would forbid every coal-kiln and charcoal manufactor

in the country.

The following copies of correspondence and extracts from the records of the Patent Office will show the true state of the case:

United States Patent Office,

August 25, 1854.

United States Patent Office,
August 25, 1854.

Sir. In reply to your letter of this date, asking
"if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter,
dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or
to any other person or persons, securing to him
or them "the exclusive right of making gas from
wood," and whether any such claim was made by
W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent,
which letters patent were issued bearing the
above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's
claims are believed to be c nfined to his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a
patent has been granted heretofore for the exclutus; and, further, this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the exclu-sive right of making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make an extended investigation to answer your re-

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, C. Mason, Commissioner of Patents. W. P. McConaell, Esq., Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

The United States Patent Office—To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greting:

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with

which application letters patent, in accordance with
which application letters patent were issued to the
said W. D. Porter on the 22d day of August,
eighteen hundred and fifty-four.
In testimony whereof, I. Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal
of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed
to all this 25th day of August. [L. s.] this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth. C. Mason.

Copy of disclaimer of W. D. Porter in his applica-tion for "an improved still for making wood gas," filed August 5, 1854. Letters patent issued August 22, 1854.

"I do not claim as my invention and discovery the improvements in making gas from wood, viz subjecting the products of destructive distillation therefrom to a high degree of heat, substantially as has been described and for the purposes set forth in the specification of W. P. McConnell."

The United States Patent Office—To all persons to schom these presents shall come greeting:

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the records of this office of an extract from the specification of W. D. Porter's patent, issued

the specification of W. D. Porter's patent, issued in the twenty-second day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I, Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed this twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.

C. Mason.

Extract from Specification of W. D. Porter on which letters patent were issued August 22, 1854.

Claim.—What I claim as my invention and de-CLAIM.—What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by letters patent is:

"The construction of a gas apparatus or still, consisting of a metallic or other cylinder B, the cones E and D, disphram plate C, and exit pipe F, substantially as described in the foregoing specification, and shown in the accompanying drawings."

The truth of the above may be ascertained from the records of the Patent Office, to which all have WM. P. McCONNELL, By his attorney CHAS. G. PAGE.

MADEIRA NUTS, latest growth; 1 cask
just received by
SHEKELL BROTHERS, No. 40, opposite Centre Market.

PARISH and other Pencillings, by Kir-wan, author of Letters to Bishop Hughes Homanism at Home, &c. Harper's Story Books by Jacob Abbott, price 25 cents. R. FARNHAM.

THE AMERICAN SPORTSMAN, Containing Hints to Sportsmen, Notes on Sporting, and the Habits of the Game Birds and Wild Fowl of America, by Elisha J. Lewis, M. D., with TAYLOR & MAURY'S

Book Store, near Ninth street FRENCH GENTLEMAN, with a fin-A FRENCH GENTLEMAN, with a finished education, recently arrived in this city, and, possessing the best references, wishes to find in a private family, a situation as a teacher of French, Spanish, Drawing and ornamental Painting. As his knowledge of the English is imperfect, he would be satisfied, at first, with a small compensation. Apply at this office, by correspondence or otherwise.

PROPOSALS FOR PURNISHING PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

OFFICE SUPERISTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING. Washington, January 25, 1855.

In Pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for executing the public printing," &c., approved August 26, 1862, sealed proposals will be received at this office, in the Capitol, until Wedneaday, the 28th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the following quantities and descriptions of writing paper, to wit:

5.500 reams, weighing 23 lbs. pr.m. 4 measuring 10 by 2c in. WASHINGTON, January 25, 1855

All these papers to be made of the best mate-rials, and finished in the best manner and free from adulteration. A contract will be entered into for supplying the quantities stated, at such times as the public service may require; but the privilege is reserved of ordering a greater quantity of either kind, should a greater quantity be required, at such times and in such quantities as may be deemed

necessary.

Samples of each kind of paper must accompany each bid, and all proposals and samples must be transmitted to this office free of postage or other

each bid, and all proposals and emples must be transmitted to this office free of postage or other expense.

Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and must specify the price per pound, and the consequent price per ream (and but one price) of each description of paper.

All the paper must be delivered at such place or places as may be designated, in good order, free or all and every extra charge or expense, and subject to the inspection, count, weight, and measurement of the Superintendent, and be in all respects satisfactory.

Blank forms for proposals will be furnished at this office to persons applying for them; and none will be taken into consideration unless substantially agreeing therewith.

Bonds, with approved securities, will be required; and the supplying of an inferior article, or a failure to supply the quantity required at any time, will be considered a violation of the contract.

Each bidder is required to furnish with his proposals satisfactory evidence of his ability to execute it, and any proposals unaccompanied with such evidence will be rejected.

Proposals will be addressed to the "Superintendent of the Public Printing, Capitol of the United States, Washington," and endorsed, "Proposals for Supplying Paper."

A. G. SEAMAN, Superintendent of Public Printing.

A. G. SEAMAN, Superintendent of Public Printing Jan 28-3tawtd

AGENCY AT WASHINGTON CITY.

(Office on F Street, near Fourteenth Street.)

TO CLAIMANTS.

JULIUS E. MEIERE,
to all business entrusted to him, and will give special attention to the prosecution of claims for Pensions, Bounty Land, Land Patents, Serip, Back, Pay, &c., &c.

REFERENCES:
Hon. Lewis Cass, United States Senate.
Hon. James Cooper, United States Senate.
Hon. R. T. Westbrook, House of Reps.
Hon. T. B. Florence, House of Reps.
Hon. T. D. Disney, House of Reps.
Jonah D. Hoover, esq., Washington,
Richard Wailach, esq., Washington.
Hon. John Wilson, Commissioner of the Geral Land Office.

ral Land Office. All communications must be pre-paid and di rected as above. THE NATIONAL HOTEL, THE NATIONAL HOTEL,

In this city, will be re-opened for the reception of guests on the 27th of this month.

The removal of the Kitchen from the basement to
the rear of the building, and the alterations in and
about the Dining Rooms, will add greatly to the
convenience and comfort of its guests. The table
will be furnished with the best the markets can afford, and served in the best style, and no expens afford, and served in the best style, and no expense or labor will be spared to render the house, in every respect, equal to any in the country. The subscriber, therefore, trusts that a generous public will continue the liberal patronage which has always been extended to the house. Persons desiring to procure rooms for the winter, can do so at any time after the 20th, by calling at the Hotel.

E. D. WILLARD.

Washington city, November 14, 1854.

Nov 16—tf

"DOOR'S RAILROAD MAP OF THE UNITED STATES."—This celebra ted Map, recently eulogized by Lieutenant Man ry, in his "Virginia Letters," is on sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S

FOR RENT-Two large size furnished Rooms-Chamber and Parlor-at the corner of New York avenue and Ninth street, No. 387 Nov 18-tf

FOR EVENING.—M. W. Galt & Bro. have just received a beautiful assortment of Rich Pearl Necklaces, Brooches, Ear-Rings, &c. A complete assortment of Pearl, Ivory; Span ish, and Mourning Fans, which will be sold unu sually low.

M. W. GALT & BRO.

Jan x0—3t

Pa. av., betw. 9th and 10th sts.

TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STRANGERS.

WATCHES.—Members of Congress and others in want of perfect timekeepers would do well to make their selections at once, in order to test their quality before leaving the city.

Our assortment for both Ladies and Gentlemen was never so complete as at present, embracing every description, which we offer unusually low.

M. W GALT & BROTHER,
Penn. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets.

Penn. avenue, between 9th and 10th streets FOR RENT, OR SALE—The Modern Four-story BRICK HOUSE on Thirteenth street, near E, east side. The house is in good repair—dry cellars; and to a good tenant the reat will be low. Possession given November 1-1.

JAS. C. McGUIRE,

Oct 29-tf CENERAL Notions of Chemistry, by J. Pelouze and E. Fremy, translated from the French by Edmund C. Evans, M. D. Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous Poems, by Charles Leland Porter, A. M. Brushwood picked up on the Continent, or Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville Horwitz.

R. FARNHAM

NEW MUSIC.—W. C. ZANTZINGER has just received from the publishers. Firth, Pend & Co., New York, and George Willieg.jr., Baltimore, an assortiaent of their latest publica-Pianos tuned, warranted to give satisfaction.

STATIONERS' HALL adjoining Kirkwood House.

JOHN H. BUTHMANN, Importer and Dealer in Wine, Brandy, Cigars, &c. Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between Four-and-a-Half and Sixth streets, has received his full tock and assortment of the above, consisting in part of—
Madeira, Sherry, Port of various grades, Champagne, in quarts and pints, different brands.

A great variety of Rhine Wine, some of it

Also, St. Peray sparkling red and white Claret at prices from \$3 50 per dozen to the highest order.

And numerous other kinds of Wine.

Also, very superior Cognac, pale and dark; Scheidam Gin, Jamaica Rum, fine old Whis key, Irish Malt, Cordials, and Havana Cigar

THE CATHOLIC ALMANAC fort # 55. met published and for sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S

Just received. Dec. 15